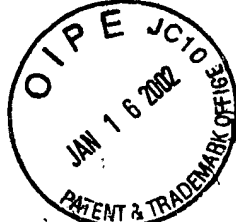


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated July 20, 2001 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 20, 2001. This amendment is being timely filed prior to October 20, 2001.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 18, the last paragraph beginning on the page and continuing on page 19 should read as follows;

Typically, the latch 10b will be secured to a lid, and the keeper 600b will be secured to a frame surrounding the lid. When the lid is closed and the keeper 600b enters the housing 100b, it engages the